

**Welcome to Worship** at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, located at 4950 W. Pratt Avenue in Skokie, Illinois.

Faith in Jesus Christ is the mark of a Christian and a disciple of Christ, and is therefore the only requirement for membership in this Church. Please prayerfully consider joining this family of faith - talk with our Pastor, and learn more by visiting us at [www.cwupc.org](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Anna Maria Virga; Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; and George Radosavljevic, piano ; Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, Officers, and Staff of  
Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

**Session Ruling Elders:** Georgette Joseph, Carolyn Kapteyn, Najeba Badal, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, Peter Ellyin, and Doris Nadder.

**Deacons:** Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

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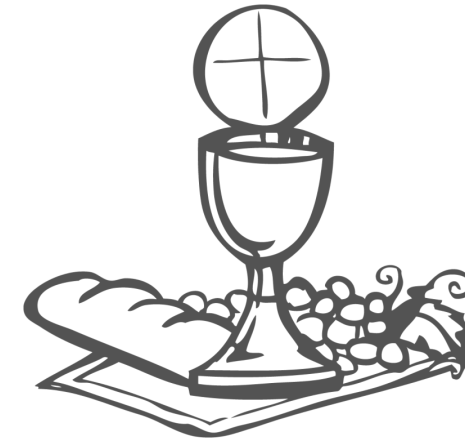
The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor  
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph  
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic  
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*Becoming the Beloved Community*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*



**November 12, 2023**

**Communion Sunday**

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude

Nocturne in e minor  
George Radosavljevic, piano

Frederic Chopin

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

\* Call to Worship

One: Together, we choose to serve God, which means: We choose love.

All: **We choose hope.**

One: We choose peace.

All: **We choose kindness.**

One: We choose welcome.

All: **We choose justice.**

One: We choose to serve God. Let us worship.

\* Hymn # 370

Rejoice the Lord is King

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.**

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

\* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)*

**Word Proclaimed**

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 28)

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Amos 5:18-24 (p. 854)

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message:

"Be Ready"

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed - See insert)*

\* Hymn *(See insert)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

**Thanksgiving**

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Stewardship Message

John Yonan

Time for Generosity

Offertory

One Bread, One Body  
The Chancel Choir

setting by Jack Schrader

Doxology # 815

"Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

A Blessing of the Christmas Shoeboxes

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

**Sending**

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\* Hymn #713

Seek Ye First

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory  
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

arr. Don Hustad

*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)*

\* Going Forth

*\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

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